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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: QRP-L digest 2986

QRP-L Digest 2986

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by "Doug Hendricks" <ki6ds@dpol.net>
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by George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
- 31) [154543] RE: FS speedex key
by "Bob & Janet" <jbcraft@adelphia.net>

Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 16:41:27 -0700
From: "Chetan Bhargava" <list3@bhargavaz.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [154513] Re: DDS Kit announcement
Message-ID: <02d001c34d86\$1f2c76f0\$2701a8c0@chetan>
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charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I've proposed MARES (Milpitas Amateur Radio & Electronics Society) to kit the SMT caps and resistors. Lets see what the board members decide.

73,

Chetan Bhargava KG6NFG
www.bhargavaz.net

Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 17:14:06 -0700
From: Jerry Haigwood <w5jh@swlink.net>
To: nk7m@extremezone.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [154514] Re: ScQRPions Class E Amplifier Xmtr
Message-ID: <3F188D4E.B1B00961@swlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Folks,

Bob and I have discussed this and we have decided I would pick up the sales of the Class-E transmitter as well as the sales of the cases. It will be one stop shopping. :-) In the past, Bob has always handled the sale of kits for the ScQRPions but as he pointed out his schedule is busy. If you have already ordered a kit from Bob, don't worry. Bob will get the order to me and I will be shipping you the kit on July 27. We are all sort of busy getting ready for Ft Tuthill. If you have not ordered a kit yet, then let me give you the details.

The kit is a Class-E transmitter that will put out about 3-4 watts. In fact, it will put out more power but for best efficiency, I recommend you throttle it back to 4 watts. It is designed to operate on battery voltage and will put out full power at 12V. It will operate down to 9V with reduced output. The transmitter is VXO controlled (about 3.5-4 KHz) has QSK and a mute switch. It comes with an etched PCB, all board part, and instructions. Typical assembly time should be about 3-4 hours. The price is \$20 shipped to USA and \$22 to Canada. A companion case kit consisting of a box, BNC jack, 2 RCA phono jacks, a 2.1/5.5mm power jack, 1/8 inch phone key jack, DPDT toggle switch, a knob, and front and rear panel overlays. The cost of the case kit is the same - \$20 to USA and \$22 to Canada. Pictures of the transmitter can be seen at <<http://www.swlink.net/~w5jh/azsx303e.htm>>. All orders for either the transmitter or case kit should be sent to me. Make checks out to:

Jerry Haigwood
6926 W Charter Oak Rd
Peoria, AZ 85381
w5jh@arrl.net

Sorry but I do not accept PayPal. I do however accept checks, money orders, cashier's checks, and cash. The sale of this kit helps finance the Ft Tuthill QRP gathering.

73, Jerry Haigwood W5JH

Bob Hightower wrote:

> Folks, the note announcing the kit availability was a bit premature. I
> don't have all the stuff needed to ship them yet, and, with Tuthill
> coming up in just over a week, don't plan on doing much with them.
>
> Then, right after Tuthill, I'm going to be on vacation until about
> August 15, so nothing will be shipped until then.
>
> If you have already ordered and sent payment, hang on, you'll get your
> kit eventually. If you haven't, and want to, hang on until we get a
> further announcement out. If someone else here wants to take the job on,
> it may get done sooner.
>
> Sorry for the confusion, but I was caught by surprise on this one.
>
> Bob NK7M

Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 20:08:41 -0500
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, "Lew Paceley" <lew@paceley.com>,
"Richard Kapalczynski" <n5ji@yahoo.com>,
Subject: [154515] Show and Tell - July 19 Meeting
Message-ID: <03d401c34d92\$5cbdc350\$0401a8c0@PS>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"
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Chuck, pardon me for borrowing your "T0:" list but I wanted to pass the word about tomorrow's meeting.

I recently traded my original Icom IC-756PRO for a near-new but used 746PRO. I am bringing it along for the meeting as a Show and Tell.

So, if anyone is interested in seeing and twisting the knobs on a 746PRO, here is the chance.

I doubt that we will be able to hear much from inside the restaurant, but maybe we will get lucky. Transmitting is out, of course, but I'll have a piece of wire to string up for a receiving antenna.

I have had the radio now since June 27 and have come to really like it,

almost to the exclusion of the PR02!

So, please come to the meeting and feel free to twiddle the knobs all you wish - it is a neat little radio!

73/72, George

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<mailto:w5yr@att.net>

Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 20:30:09 -0500 (CDT)
From: grizzarv@mindspring.com
To: ham@w3eax.umd.edu
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu (Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion)
Subject: [154516] Re: weird meesage sent to me....(Good Day)
Message-ID: <200307190130.h6J1U9E13473@kg7yy.kg7yy.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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I have 130 since January.

> I've been collecting "Nigerian 419 Scam" letters since november and at
> last count, I have 65 of them.

Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 21:45:25 -0400
From: Frank Brickle <brickle@pobox.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [154517] RE: Some experiments with the RFD antenna
Message-ID: <3F18A2B5.1090406@pobox.com>
MIME-version: 1.0
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Alex --

> One thing I do not understand at all is why I had to put the choke so
> close to the feedpoint...

After some nasty surprises on Field Day I spent a few hours with some ferrite beads, a bunch of coiled coax, and an antenna analyzer. A couple of things emerged from that.

First of all, you'll encounter quite a few categorical statements about the right and wrong way to make coax chokes, but most of them will be misleading at best. (Actually I'm being polite. Most of them are for the birds.)

Second, it's next to useless to offer a recipe for a specific choke, because the variation due to differences in the coax itself is enormous in this application.

As far as categorical statements go, it's pretty clear that solenoid-style winding is good for higher-Q requirements. The RFD seems to fall in that category, as would any situation that focused on a single band. On the other hand, if you're looking for a broader-band choke, you probably don't want solenoid winding, and would be better off with the flat coiled-rope method. Either way, I was surprised to find that the coax chokes provide as much as double or triple the impedance of W2DU-style beads-on-a-string at frequencies I cared about. That's measured, not calculated.

As far as recipes go, I think you're pretty much stuck with pruning to fit. I don't know how you'd do it without an analyzer and stay sane. More art than science, still.

73
Frank
AB2KT

Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 21:07:41 -0500
From: w9ya <w9ya@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [154518] Re: 817 for sale
Message-ID: <200307182107.41872.w9ya@arrl.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Disposition: inline

The rig is sold.

Thanxs guys for all the interest, it went very well this time around.

Bob
w9ya

On Thursday 17 July 2003 09:53 am, w9ya wrote:

> Hello gang;
>
> Um, this email is not deja-vu per say, but about a week ago I offered up an
> 817 here, things didn't work out, and I need to offer it up again.
>
> The deal is; I will sell it for \$ 450 but YOU pay the shipping and
> insurance. (Shouldn't be much at all anyways.)
>
> Units on e-pay going for \$ 450 or more do NOT have the cw filter, so I
> think this is reasonable. I really don't want to bother with the hassle of
> listing this elsewhere as getting rid of this radio is a favor for an
> ailing fellow ham. I am not making anything off of this sale or taking any
> commission.
>
> Here's the original posting from last week.
>
> Hey there;
>
> I have a friends' 817 for sale with the inrad-collins 300hz cw filter
> installed. Used only for two days. Once when new (a couple of years ago)
> and then again over fd weekend for a few contacts.. It is in fine shape,
> with a few minor scratches on one side towards the back. Functionally it is
> as it was originally purchased.
>
> It comes with the mic, manual, schematic, pocket reference manual and two
> "vadem style" cheat-sheets. The strap itself is also there but missing the
> length adjuster and end hold down on one side only, but I am sure a local
> camping or cloth-craft shop has something appropriate for replacements.
>
> I also dug up the original 2 piece 6 meter bnc antenna, and the original
> power cord, which was modified with an inline fuse and reverse polarity
> protection diode.
>
> My friend is older and has a debilitating condition. He was looking forward
> to selling this and his recently acquired smaller pacomm (40/20m) rig to
> help finance a k2 purchase. I will be handling the sales for him.
>
>
> Bob Finch

> w9ya
>
> p.s. The pacomm is quite new, looks like it, and has maybe been used twice
> also. Comes complete as far as I can tell.

Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 22:30:58 -0400
From: "Mike Majority" <n4vbv@earthlink.net>
To: "Bruce Muscolino" <w6toy@erols.com>
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [154519] Re: OT: Lightning detector (slightly long)
Message-ID: <410-22003761923058250@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Bruce,

Good points. I should have given more info, but thought folks might want to investigate for themselves before plunking down cash. The unit does indicate storm movement toward/away, but will not give a direction from the user to the strike. It's only advertised to give different ranges (40-20, 20-12, 12-6, and 6-0 [for the 6-0 range you don't really need it to tell there's lightning], these are approximate ranges, left it in the truck; see web site for exact data). Testing last night and today did show good results in the 12-6 and 6-0 ranges based on the 5 second rule (sound travels roughly 1170 feet/second so count the seconds between the lightning flash and thunder, then divide by 5 to get distance from the strike in miles; not exact, but will get you in the ballpark).

If you press the power switch in (it selects options by sliding up/down), the LEDs will flash in sequence to indicate an approaching/departing storm (green->red for approaching and red->green for departing). If there's not enough trend data to tell this, the LEDs will sequence from the center out both directions at the same time. It will NOT determine storm approach/departure from one strike, it must have more data to build a trend.

Hope that adds some data for interested parties, but I'd still suggest your own Google search and a look at the web site before plunking down cash. I'll field questions as best as I can (suggest off-list) if anyone wants to ask before buying one, but have only used this device a couple of days so my testing has been limited, but good results so far (for me). It does what I bought it for the reasons I wanted it. Now to dig into Google and research the theory this thing uses to operate.

No pecuniary interest, etc.

72,
Mike, N4VBV in South Carolina
--- Mike Majority
--- n4vbv@earthlink.net
--- EarthLink: The #1 provider of the Real Internet.

> [Original Message]
> From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
> To: <n4vbv@earthlink.net>
> Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
> Date: 7/18/2003 6:58:47 AM
> Subject: Re: OT: Lightning detector (slightly long)
>
> This sounds like the basic firm of lightning detection. It tells you
> when a strike has occurred and that's about all. It tells you nothing
> about where the strike occurred or whether the strike was moving toward
> you or away from your location. These are much harder problems to
> solve, especially from RF energy.
> lear-Siegler, and we were offered a system for aircraft instrumentation
> that purported to solve that very problem. It was priced for biz-jets
> and airliners. We passed on t because we could not get any information
> on how it actually worked. Someone took the hook because I see it
> advertised as standard equipment on heavy jets.
>
> 73
> Back around 1975-76, I was working for

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 05:44:27 -0700
From: "Clint Hurd" <discobay@waypt.com>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [154520] Re: Psk31 /30M
Message-ID: <000f01c34df3\$7e22afe0\$017dfea9@clinthur>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Dave, 30 meter psk is kind of scarce, I check daily, and give about 5 min
worth of cq to see if can scare up some activity. The CW section is pretty
lively, so the band is certainly open. I have also been giving 17m a try,
with very little success for psk. You are at the right freq for 30m :
10.140 to 10.142.

Will look for you there

Clint KK7UQ

>Been trying to drum up some activity on 30 meter PSK 10.140 or there
>abouts.. anyone ever get on 30m?
>73/72 Dave
>KC1DI

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 08:53:33 -0400
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: n4vbv@earthlink.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [154521] Re: OT: Lightning detector (slightly long)
Message-ID: <3F193F4D.B433FC7D@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Mike,

Ii guess I'd keep my money in my pocket! The unit is only a novelty unless it can be set up to disconnect your station from everything whenever the storm burst come within 12 miles! Now, that would be a useful instrument to have, even if the range measurement is really flaky! It could protect your station when you're not at home. Otherwise the rule of 5 should work and cost a lot less!

73

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 09:33:29 -0400
From: "Bill, N4QA" <n4qa@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [154522] IC-703, Rock-Mite-RTTY, a single PC, and TWO instances of MMTTY...
Message-ID: <BAY1-F32x0VKu8i1AkB0001a6a9@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Hey, y'all.

Little did I know...a few months back, when I started playing with Rock-Mite-RTTY...just how much fun I was headed for...

This morning, I have two instances of Makoto Mori's (JE3HHT) MMTTY, ver 1.65, running on the oldie-but-goodie IBM ThinkPad 600E.

Instance one has control of PC, Com1 which is connected to Small Wonder Labs' Rock-Mite-20 via my simple RM-RTTY interface (less the RM's audio out) and is used for transmitting RTTY.

Instance two is used for receiving RTTY and is connected only to the IC-703's 'phones jack' (for now) via the PC's mic input.

For this experiment, MMTTY instance one's 'Mark' and 'Shift ' settings are meaningless since these are set externally in Rock-Mite-RTTY. Instance two's 'Mark' frequency is set for 2125 Hz and its shift freq is set for 170 Hz.

The '703's menu items...'R1 RTTY Tone' = '2125'...'R2 RTTY Shift' = '170'...'R3 RTTY Keying' ='n'.

These are the rig's defaults for these settings. And, naturally, the '703 is set for RTTY 'mode'.

I knew from previous experience that my Rock-Mite-20's Mark freq is approximately 14088.38 Khz, with its Space freq 170 Hz lower.

Ok, so I commanded MMTTY instance one to send a continuous string of 'RY's via the Rock-Mite whose rf output is piped into the Heathkit Cantenna.

I *thought* that I would have to tune the '703 2125 Hz higher than 14088.38 Khz...which is 14090.505, in order to copy the RM's signals on MMTTY instance two, since the '703's RTTY mode uses the lower sideband...

WRONG!

To my utter delight, I found the RM's RTTY sigs at exactly 14088.38 Khz (Mark) on the '703's display.

I just LOVE it when things work the way they 'should' instead of the way I *think* they will :) :) :)

After while, I'm gonna set up the '703 for RTTY transceive with a single instance of MMTTY.

Because of the 100 % transmit duty-cycle, this will be the most thermal stress the '703's final pa has been subjected to since arriving here on Monday, 14 July 2003. Lookout...

Bill, N4QA
<http://www.n4qa.com>

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Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 07:48:29 GMT
From: ki3b@juno.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [154523] scams
Message-ID: <20030719.004847.16315.875609@webmail02.lax.unttd.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

My wife got one of these 'we lost your account info' letters from some clown pretending to be EBay. After looking at the 'website', we found where they asked for checking account info, social security info, your drivers license info, gold watch, diamond rings, car title, best QRP rig, etc. We contacted EBay and sent the message to them. One thing came back from EBay, was that due to my wife having her email address as her username, it most likely was why this group targeted her. So, if you have your email address as your username, EBay is recommending that you change it to something less identifying.

Also, a comment regarding the scams and people who may be gullible enough to respond, well just like the spammers for everything from generic viagra to 'enhancement pills and lotions', it only takes a few replies to make one of these schemes profitable. As long as there's someone out of 500,000 emails that replies and these clowns score, they'll keep on doing it. The emails are just about 'free', and you can make up username after username before you get caught (look at how long that clown that Earthlink finally prosecuted went. I think he had something like over 500 usernames, and everytime Earthlink stopped him from using an account, he created 10 more) it's just too easy for some crooks to turn down. Look at the old shell game on the street, sooner or later someone will drop their cash to play and end up losing everything, because the whole thing is rigged. Just like the casino's in Atlantic City, NJ and the slots here in Del. The whole thing's odds are against the customer, no matter what scam he has or how long he's been playing it. In a lot of cases, you end up giving your 'winnings' back to the casino anyway because they play on the 'easy money for nothing' greed that a lot of people have.... what a racket!!!

Ta Ta,

Joe KI3B

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Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 9:14:23 -0500
From: "Doc K0EVZ" <dock0evz@earthlink.net>
To: "Jim Giammanco" <giamman@rouge.phys.lsu.edu>
Cc: "doc k0evz earthlink" <dock0evz@earthlink.net>,
"qrp-l reflector" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [154524] RE: Museum Ships Weekend Event - USS Kidd - W5KID
Message-ID: <4120037619141423716@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Jim:

Many thanks for the QSO last evening. You had a TERRIFIC, consistent signal here in ABQ. I had been hearing you work one guy after another, and was glad finally to get in your log. My specific QTH is a hotel, and my antenna is a metal downspout. I use a 17' piece of hookup as a counterpoise inside the hotel room. Rig last evening was the K2. Good luck with the Museum Ships weekend event. I will be looking for you on other bands as well.

73,
--Doc/K0EVZ

> [Original Message]
> From: Jim Giammanco <giamman@rouge.phys.lsu.edu>
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
> Date: 7/18/2003 7:49:15 AM
> Subject: Museum Ships Weekend Event - USS Kidd - W5KID
>
> Final reminder about the Museum Ships weekend event before I "ship out" for
> the weekend. At this writing there are 82 ships worldwide signed up to
> participate. details of the event can be seen at:
> <<http://www.qsl.net/ww2dd/event.html>>
>
> Tonight commencing at 0001Z I'll start CW QRP ops near 14060, then move to
> near 10.109, then later near 7.040. End fed wire or dipole, with either K2
> #1233 or a Jupiter at 5 W. The SSB station may also be running tonight.
SSB
> in earnest beginning Saturday 1400Z.

>
> Check
>
> <<http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?w5kid>>
> or
> <<http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?w5kid-8>>
>
> for APRS status reports. We'll probably just use W5KID, but check the
> W5KID-8 spot if you don't see recent (within 30 minutes) data. We'll be
> beaconing on a 10 min interval.
>
> Info and links about the Kidd and the USS Kidd ARC at
> <<http://www.brarc.org>>
> QSL info - look up W5KID on QRZ.COM
>
> 73
> Jim N5IB
> for USS Kidd ARC, W5KID
> Baton Rouge LA
> EM40

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 09:18:38 -0500
From: KD5NWA <kd5nwa@cbayona.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [154525] Cheap Nickel-Hydride batteries
Message-ID: <oprsj91ce2nm0yez@localhost>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-15; format=flowed
MIME-Version: 1.0

In case anyone is interested 4 1850 ma Batteries for \$4

<<http://www.compgeeks.com/details.asp?invtid=kaahr>>

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Cecil
KD5NWA

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 11:09:45 -0400

From: "Joe W2KJ" <w2kj@bellsouth.net>
To: "qrp-1" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [154526] MI QRP club 5 watter quarterlies
Message-ID: <000b01c34e07\$ca3c6880\$220110ac@gateway.2wire.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Howdy Gang:

Need to make room on my magazine shelf so am doing some
cleaning out.

I have 55 issues of the M.I. QRP club quarterlies from 1986 to
present in excellent condition.

Don't want to throw them away (heresy for QRP pubs) so will
ship them for their weight...circa \$8.00.

If anyone wants them for \$8.00 please let me know soonest or
they are going into the bit bucket.

Don't miss out on this piece of QRP history going back to
1986.

73, Joe W2KJ
North Carolina

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 11:26:48 -0400
From: "John" <jdorson@worldshare.net>
To: <kd5nwa@cbayona.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [154527] Re: Cheap Nickel-Hydride batteries
Message-ID: <003f01c34e0a\$2f7d82e0\$c63a8d41@ATHOME>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-15"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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great buy afterall.

John K2JHU...

----- Original Message -----

From: "KD5NWA" <kd5nwa@cbayona.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2003 10:18 AM

Subject: Cheap Nickel-Hydride batteries

> In case anyone is interested 4 1850 ma Batteries for \$4

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> <<http://www.compgeeks.com/details.asp?invtid=kaahr>>

> --

> Cecil

> KD5NWA

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 08:37:38 -0700

From: Bradford D Bilbrey <bigdawg74@juno.com>

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [154528] Re: OT: Lightning detector (slightly long)

Message-ID: <20030719.083739.2552.1.bigdawg74@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello to the group:

After a few of the posts concerning lightning detectors, I would like to let you know if you can get any little device that will warn you that lightning is approaching for \$50 then you should get it. That is if you want to know that it is coming using you own gear. Commercial lightning detectors start about \$5000.00 will be very accurate and are widely used around the world. If you want a less precise method of warning there is a web site called www.lightningstorm.com that has a map of the US and where the lightning activity is occurring. This data is based on the nation lightning detection network NLDN which covers the US. You can also contact the company to verify a lightning strike for insurance purposes, accurate down to a few feet. The detection of lightning when it happens is done by RF wave discrimination, and before it happens is done by measuring the 'E' field that is created when large electrostatic charges start to build up. It is always advised to remove your antenna and from radios and phone jack from computers during lightning storms. Lightning can strike up to 3-5 Km away and still cause damage and injury. If the group members are interested I can post a publication called " Lightning 101 " that is a good introduction to lightning.

Regards

KE7MU Brad Bilbrey
Technical services / Field Engineer II
Vaisala Inc

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Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 09:52:09 -0600
From: William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [154529] Re: MI QRP club 5 watter quarterlies
Message-ID: <20030719.095212.-371321.4.w5xe@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I don't need the T5W'ers as I have almost a full set but for those that don't I heartily recommend you take Joe up on his offer. Writings by Rock, W9SCH, Brice, W9PNA and other notable qrp'ers of LONG standing sure make them a worthy acquisition and addition to one's library.

my .02c worth.

73
Ray

"Texas can make it without the United States,
but the United States can't make it without Texas."
Sam Houston, Governor
Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M GQRP-6115
ARCI-5784 NCT2R FP-111 El Paso, (FAR WEST) TEXAS

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 10:59:04 -0500
From: "Brian Murrey - KB9BVN" <brian@iquest.net>
To: <jdorson@worldshare.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [154530] Re: Cheap Nickel-Hydride batteries
Message-ID: <000e01c34e0e\$ae6a3310\$0464030a@bmurrey2K>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-15"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 12:00:34 -0400
From: "Joe W2KJ" <w2kj@bellsouth.net>
To: "qrp-1" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [154531] M.I. club quarterlies
Message-ID: <002901c34e0e\$e3bb08a0\$220110ac@gateway.2wire.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang:

The M.I. club quarterlies I had listed earlier have been sold.

73, Joe W2KJ

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 11:11:48 -0500
From: "Brian Murrey - KB9BVN" <brian@iquest.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [154532] Re: Cheap Nickel-Hydride batteries
Message-ID: <001a01c34e10\$75b14160\$0464030a@bmurrey2K>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-15"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I found a good deal on NiMH at Walmart again.

Rinpoche Brand NiMH smart charger with 4 each of the 1750mAh AA sized batteries for \$9.95

I found these in the photo area by the digital cameras this time. I bought several of these chargers and battery sets about a year ago and I use them all the time. So far I have had no issues. Just don't leave your charging batteries in the plugged in charger for more than a day to two.

Input: AC 120V 60Hz 3W

Output: "AA" 2.8v 130ma

The charger holds two or four AA NiMH cells.

My DX 398 SW Receiver uses four of these cells for power, and I use it for about an hour every morning. A set of four charges Rinpoché NiMH cells lasts about 9 days, then I pop them in the charger over night and we're good for another nine days. I have been recycling the same cells (8 total - 4 in the radio, 4 waiting to go in) for about a year now and notice no diminished use so far.

Your mileage may vary. I do have these installed in my MFJ-259B analyzer as well. Works long time.

73

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From: "John" <jdorson@worldshare.net>
To: "Brian Murrey - KB9BVN" <brian@iquest.net>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [154533] Re: Cheap Nickel-Hydride batteries
Message-ID: <001f01c34e17\$8f4f9e80\$c89b8b41@ATHOME>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-15"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well I know many companies do the 'high shipping' on really cheap items but I have gotten a number of computer related items from these folks and the shipping was in line with others and a few times there was charge for shipping.

John K2JHU...

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Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 12:19:43 -0500
From: "Brian Murrey - KB9BVN" <brian@iquest.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, "QRPP-l" <QRPP-I@yahoogroups.com>,
"Flying Pigs" <fpqrp-l@fpqrp.com>
Subject: [154534] Cap Deal
Message-ID: <000801c34e19\$f2cbb050\$0464030a@bmurrey2K>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

IK bought 2000 caps off eBay. The ad stated ".1uF 50v caps marked 104J" so I bought them.

The box says 104J, 50v which means these are supposed to be 5% .1uF caps.

The caps are your basic little blue caps, but they are marked 104S - not 104J like the box says. They are of Japanese origin and have a born on date of 11/1998.

I'm not sure 100% but I think this makes them like 20% .1uF caps.

Regardless, I think they'll make fine bypass caps in Manhattan builds or whatever. These come on a paper tape and I am offering them up.

25 caps for \$1 or 50 caps for \$2 and a SASE (SASE MUST be a #10 envelope - business size)

If interested, send your request to my snail mail address on QRZ.COM

Sorry, no Paypal this time.

Please limit to 50 caps per order. No need to hoard.

73 de KB9BVN

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KB9BVN/QRP - New Whiteland IN - EM69WN
QRP-ARCI #10223 QRP-L #1540 FIST #5695
FISTS CC #764 - Proud Member ARRL
K1 #1205, NC40A, or SWL Rigs
INTO INFAMOUS AF4PS ATTIC DIPOLE
SOC #400 AND FLYING PIGS QRP #-57
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Version: 6.0.501 / Virus Database: 299 - Release Date: 2003-07-14

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 12:54:52 -0500

From: "Brian Murrey - KB9BVN" <brian@iquest.net>

To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, "QRPP-l" <QRPP-I@yahoogroups.com>,
"Flying Pigs" <fpqrp-l@fpqrp.com>

Subject: [154535] One more Cap Deal

Message-ID: <000b01c34e1e\$db85a4a0\$0464030a@bmurrey2K>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have about 1000 SMT size 0805 220pf 63v NPO caps.

Send \$2 and SASE to my Snail Mail address on QRZ.COM for 50 pieces if you're interested. 1 Stamp on the SASE will cover it.

No Paypal.

Thanks

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Version: 6.0.501 / Virus Database: 299 - Release Date: 2003-07-14

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 12:53:51 -0600

From: "Francis Callahan" <colcal@srv.net>

To: <ki3b@juno.com>,

"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [154536] Re: scams

Message-ID: <001101c34e27\$1a96fe20\$cbca1341@callahan>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Maby some one could come up with a virus that when sent to the scammers and spammers it would wipe their whole system out and crash the hard drive wouldn't that be a shame 72 Cal KF7ET

----- Original Message -----

From: <ki3b@juno.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2003 1:48 AM
Subject: scams

>
> My wife got one of these 'we lost your account info' letters from some clown pretending to be EBay. After looking at the 'website', we found where they asked for checking account info, social security info, your drivers license info, gold watch, diamond rings, car title, best QRP rig, etc. We contacted EBay and sent the message to them. One thing came back from EBay, was that due to my wife having her email address as her username, it most likely was why this group targeted her. So, if you have your email address as your username, EBay is recommending that you change it to something less identifying.

>
> Also, a comment regarding the scams and people who may be gullible enough to respond, well just like the spammers for everything from generic viagra to 'enhancement pills and lotions', it only takes a few replies to make one of these schemes profitable. As long as there's someone out of 500,000 emails that replies and these clowns score, they'll keep on doing it. The emails are just about 'free', and you can make up username after username before you get caught (look at how long that clown that Earthlink finally prosecuted went. I think he had something like over 500 usernames, and everytime Earthlink stopped him from using an account, he created 10 more) it's just too easy for some crooks to turn down.

> Look at the old shell game on the street, sooner or later someone will drop their cash to play and end up losing everything, because the whole thing is rigged. Just like the casino's in Atlantic City, NJ and the slots here in Del. The whole thing's odds are against the customer, no matter what scam he has or how long he's been playing it. In a lot of cases, you end up giving your 'winnings' back to the casino anyway because they play on the 'easy money for nothing' greed that a lot of people have.... what a racket!!!

>
> Ta Ta,
>
> Joe KI3B
>
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> -----
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Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 15:10:02 -0400 (EDT)
From: <n2go@arrl.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [154537] FS speedex key
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0307191508390.29380-1000000@valhalla.v>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I have an as new oval base speedex key. \$24.50 shipped in US.
First come first served :)
73,
Jim n2go

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 15:27:23 -0400
From: "George Osier" <gosier@twcnny.rr.com>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [154538] Truffle Announcment :)
Message-ID: <001e01c34e2b\$c7ed8c20\$74883a18@twcnny.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello All ,

Sunday July 20 at 2130 to 2145 on 14060 I'll be yer friendly Truffle
..... a virgin one at that !!!!!

Will work simplex unless the going gets tough then will be 1 up
.....

Rig hr a Ten Tec Omni D at 5w to a 51 ft G5RV up 20 feet HAL
keyboard or straight key.

Hope to give out the the prized pig # to all deserving pork hunters !!!!!

72s

George Osier , N2JNZ / QRPp
Pig # 344
Purple Truffle on top of Chicken Marsala with a fine white wine ... yum
...hihi

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 15:56:30 -0400

From: "John L. Sielke" <jsielke@pobox.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [154539] Re: FS speedex key
Message-ID: <oprskpogegn9p1ib@smtp.comcast.net>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-15; format=flowed
MIME-Version: 1.0

> I have an as new oval base speedex key. \$24.50 shipped in US.
> First come first served :)

Hey, I thought the new rule was you put everybodys name that wants it in a hat, waiting at least two weeks of course, for those on vacation, too busy to read digests, etc. Then you have a neutral party draw the name out of the hat. ;-) You're not playing fair!

John W2AGN

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 21:13:31 +0100
From: Chuck Adams <k7qo@commspeed.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [154540] Battery Deals
Message-ID: <5.2.1.1.0.20030719210731.018ec780@mail.commspeed.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

If you have access to a Fry's Electronics and you are not in a hurry. Watch their ads (Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri, and Sat in the Phoenix paper) in your local paper and they have recently been selling the Lenmar brand "NoMEM" NiMH 2000mAHr (2.0AHr) batteries for 4/\$4.99. I don't think you can beat this deal any where else on the planet.

And we know you go to Fry's any way..... :-)

Lenmar now has the 2300mAHr NiMH, but they were at a much great price and the extra 15% capacity wasn't required for any of my cameras.....

I found one battery that was DOA but a quick zapp with 12V seemed to do the trick. They will take them back at Fry's if you want to go that way....

FYI

Chuck Adams K7QO k7qo@commspeed.net
http://www.qsl.net/k7qo CP-60

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 13:43:45 -0700
From: "Doug Hendricks" <ki6ds@dpol.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [154541] NorCal Resistor Kit Missing Resistors Sent
Message-ID: <07cb01c34e36\$72c7c0c0\$4a0b0d0a@dph.dpol.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Guys, the Resistor kit that we recently sold had 5 missing values due to a back order. The back order came in this week, and I just finished stuffing all the resistors to the guys who had sent me an email as requested by a card in the resistor kit. If you have not sent in your card and bought a resistor kit from NorCal, please send me an email with "Missing Resistors" in the subject line, and PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE include your mailing address. It helps a bunch. If you would do it in this format, it helps even more:

Your Name
Your Address
Your City, State & Zip

That way I can cut and paste and make mailing labels.

If you did not get in on the deal, Jim still has kits left. We are selling a set of 2000 brand new, 1/4 watt carbon film resistors in strips of 25 of each of the common values from 1 ohm to 10M, postage paid in the US for \$25. The resistors come in a nice white cardboard box that makes an excellent storage box. All that you have to do is add recipe divider cards marked in 1, 100, 1K, 10K, 100K, and 1M values and your resistors are right at your finger tips. This set is perfect for the experimenter, manhattan builder, or the guy who loves to tinker with his rig and try to make it better. Plus, you support the activities of the American QRP Club. To order a set of resistors send a check or money order for \$25 for each postage paid resistor kit made out to Jim Cates. Send it to:

Jim Cates
3241 Eastwood Rd.
Sacramento, CA 95821

Please enclose a self addressed mailing label and indicate that you are ordering a resistor kit. DX orders please add \$4 shipping and handling.
72, Doug, KI6DS

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 17:57:07 -0400 (EDT)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: Julian <g4ilo@qsl.net>
Cc: GQRP@yahooogroups.com, QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>,
"Ray (Koch CW Program) Goff" <ray@g4fon.co.uk>,
Subject: [154542] Re: [GQRP] Re: RE Koch CW Trainer Update
Message-ID: <20030719163040.V59971-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Dear OM Julian,

I wish I had more time to speak on this, but I am just stopping in at home for a few minutes in between trips. I will put your info on my scratch pad and try to have a look at your materials later. I am always intersted in new idea and things related to Morse Code and the various methods that people have used to learn and or improve our skills.

The Programs of Ray Goff, G4FON are excellent and are highly recommended.

There is an American QRPer named Chuck Adams, K7Q0, who actually holds the world records for Morse Code Reception, in excess of 100 WPM I believe.

I think he is building his own web site now that he has retired. He is on qsl.net I think? Anyway, I am pretty sure he still has the Morse Code Materials on the QSL web site. You definately should take a good look at some of hes materials. While Chuck and I have not always see eye to eye. (He is 6 ft 6" (78" or 2M) to my 1.651 M (65")... :^}

Chuck once gave me a Morse Code Practice Tape which he made for his personal use way beck then. I called the "40 WPM Four Letter Words from Hades" It is a high quality recording that he generated with the computer and recorded. I asked him about it one day when he was visiting in my town. That was back when he was a Computer Programming Instructor for SGI, the people that have that really big computer stuff that does Videos digitally. Virtual Reality People and Characters?

Any way, I used to play the tape in my car player when I traveled alone.

It will make you crazy, or at least it did to me. :^} It uses all four letter words including likely every possible four letter PERSONAL NAME. Meaning that those few Very BAD FOUR LETTER WORDS are OMITTED!

The maddening part of the tape for me was the fact that it was PURE 40 WPM TEXT with the NORMAL Three Interval WORD Spaces. At 40 WPM this sounds continuous, or at least it does to me. I would find that I could finally after a few weeks copy strings of words and names, then like turning on-off a light switch, I just could not decipher a single character, My 25 WPM Brain would just plain "Lock UP" shut down and go to sleep. I am really not kidding, I had to stop doing it while driving as I was afraid it would cause an accident. I did, however use it on occasions while parked and resting. Yes, It did still bring on sleep, rather like counting Sheep I guess you might say. I don't know if others may or may not have experienced anything like this or not? It would be interesting to learn more about the phenomenon. (sp?)

Now for one point on the matter, While I have not given up or even come close to my goals, I have progressed to where I could copy quite a bit at 40 WPM and sometimes even greater speeds. Except Callsigns, they seem to require a different thought-recognition pattern. I also know of a scheme to improve on that, but I do not have the time yet to devote to it.

That is of course the only way that you will ever improve your code reading speed is by actually practicing at least daily and not just at speeds which make you comfortable. you must push a little closer to the edge. Rather like sharpening a knife, it is the edge that is important. That is where all of the action is in life mental or physical. I guess it is some law of Physics?

Oh, I know, The Program to make you great at Callsigns is Called RUFUS ? or something like that. Likely you can find all about it on Chuck's site.

It is a program written I believe by a German Gentleman to help us all develop our Contesting Skills. I think there are even records kept on your levels with progress with it.

When I get more time again, I hope to return to my practice. While there is no hope of ever coming any where near Chucks Speed and Skills, I can at least set that as my Goal. Maybe some day I can get him to run at 1/2 Clock Speed and have a long cw chat. :^}

I have resolved to the fact that I have a 1 Mhz Mental Capacity. Rather like a Z-80 compared to Chuck up there with the Pentium IV. :^}

OTOH, I have never let that deter me from enjoying Morse Code and

Operating Dx at Milliwatt Power Levels.

I love QRP, I love Morse Code, I will Learn to do them both better before I die. Maybe, I won't ever be in Chuck's league, no matter, I will have just as much fun as anyone else while working at the goals.

Did I mention how many different times I have tried to learn code in 61 years? Each time was a different method, with varying results. I may not be an expert, but I can sure advise on most of the ways NOT to learn it.

I almost forgot, I did figure out a solution for that "40 WPM from Hell Tape" I duped it to another tape with a pause of about five or ten seconds now and then, Not exactly to the minute or anything like that, Just a "LANDING PAD" hear and there for my brain to Rest Up and "Process the Data Stream" It just occurred to me that I now know exactly what was happening. It could be called "BUFFER OVERLOAD", It reminds me of another time after that when I was doing some technical reading in my office and my youngest Son, Robert was using my Homebrew Morse Keyboard with the Cherry Keyboard for practicing his Typing skills. He was attending a Business School at the time and was developing his typing skills. He ended up setting a new School Record which stands today. Something way over 100 wpm. He actually burnt up two IBM Selectrics that they used in school which were hooked up to a computer for the classes.

Sorry, My mind is wandering a lot this week, I am recovering from an Accute Case of Poision Sumac for which I was Hospitalized on Sunday.

The Medications are really making me do dumb things like Start the Car, Load materials in it, Turn on the Air Conditioning and leave the doors open to let all the heat out. (In the 90's F. over here), Then I went back into the house to bring out another load of materials, the phone rang and it was an old friend needing some research information. Next thing I know, two or more hours have lapsed, I take the stuff out to the car. Much to my amasement, there is five or ten gallons of water in the driveway, and the exhaust is very hot smelling. I started with a full tank of gas and was now left with a 1/4 tank of gasoline. :^} The water of course was from the condensor and trying to "Air Condition the World" (Doors and Windows open.) Hey, I am not complaining, It could have been worse, There could have been a leak in the cooling system and the motor could have been destroyed. I am thankful, that it was only a TEST :^}

Back to the Thought about the "BUFFER OVERLOAD". As I was saying my Son was using the keyboard for his typing practice. Mind you he did not nor does he now have an interest in Morse Code or learning it. He could tell however, as he typed that a sound was to emit when each key was touched.

He would read from a book, and I mean more like Chanting the text rather than just reading it as he typed it. What was happening was that I had the

Keyboard programmed for 40 or 55 WPM, not sure which as I used both myself for practice. The Keyboard has a 256 Character Buffer, so what was happening each time as he broke over the threshold it would lose the data stream and do nothing for an interval causing the character failure.

Each time it did it he would stop and look at it and blame himself for messing up again. Finally I realized what was happening and I shouted to him to take a break for a few minutes as if It was getting on my nerves. While he went to get a drink, I reset it to 99 WPM and went back to my reading. O.K., maybe a slightly sinister smirk on the face. :^}

Next thing you know I am haveing a nearly impossiable task of copying what is being sent. I got a word here and there, maybe. Payback time?

Later, He commented "Dad you sure do know how to make a Kick Butt Keyboard".

He was really puffed up, I might add, And Justifiably So. The next day he burnt up the two IBM's and Got A++ for the Exam...

Did I ever tell him? Heck NO! Don't think to tell him as I will Lie and say it never happened. :^}

Not exactly your every day morsex code story, but it is however all true.

Maybe some day I will write a book about my experiences with this crazy sounding thing that old Samuel Hath Wrought up us...

Maybe If I ever get the finances back on the plus side and can retire again, I will write that book... In the mean time I will have to be content to practice my writting in "E-BOOK" format.

Not much money, but lots of Fame and Glory. :^} Besides my Grandchildren Love me even if I am a little Unique. :^} Now if I can just get one of them to share my love for CW and Radios. 9-12 soe thay are just about ripe :^} Where is that Key? :^}

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Sir George, The First :^}

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On Sat, 19 Jul 2003, Julian wrote:

> It might be of interest that I have a couple of free Morse practice
> programs on my website. I wrote them to try to improve my rusty CW.
> Pity it's easier to program a PC to send CW than get my brain to
> receive it...
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> Julian, G4ILO
> G4ILO's Shack: www.qsl.net/g4ilo
>
> --- In GQRP@yahoogroups.com, "Brian" <g0ukb@i...> wrote:
> > Just a reminder that I have a hardware version of a Koch trainer -
> it's a
> > bit like the MFJ handheld CW trainer - has an LCD display and
> generates
> > random morse streams for headphones or use with an audio amp
> circuit
> > (actually I think mine pre-dated the MFJ one by a few months -
> it's quite
> > old now).
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> === Via the mailing list of the GQRP Club www.gqrp.com ===
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> Your use of Yahoo! Groups is subject to <http://docs.yahoo.com/info/terms/>
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Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 18:20:42 -0400
From: "Bob & Janet" <jbcraft@adelphia.net>
To: <jsielke@pobox.com>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [154543] RE: FS speedex key
Message-ID: <AGEJJBFLPLHMOECFDINOAEJECIAA.jbcraft@adelphia.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

You're not playing fair!

John W2AGN

WAIT! isn't this the days of INSTANT MESSAGING??

At least we don't have to wait for QST to be published and then hope that
your postman delivers YOUR QST before everyone elses, and then the Eastern
timezone still had the advantage...

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Bob

End of QRP-L Digest 2986

